

The unlovable antics of ALF

Long-suffering Kate Tanner blows the whistle on the furry alien

WHILE ALF might be everybody's favorite furry alien, unfortunately he doesn't have a big fan in actress Anne Schedeen.

Anne, who plays the long-suffering mother Kate Tanner in the popular Seven Network series, revealed to TV WEEK that ALF is not as cute and lovable as he appears on screen.

"Although you probably wouldn't think so because he's so short, ALF is a terrible womaniser," Anne says. "Not to mention his drinking problem — he'll drink anything he can!"

Since ALF crash-landed his spaceship into the roof of the Tanner house, 'ALFmania' has taken over with toys and merchan-

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dise selling out everywhere.

Production has already started on a second series of the hit show.

However, as Anne confesses, ALF has some less-than-endearing qualities that his adoring public doesn't see.

"He's bad-mannered and he's always coughing up fur balls," she says. "You know, he has a few little personal problems as well. He forgets to use deodorant and a toothbrush."

Despite his bad habits, wise-cracking ALF from the planet Melmac is now one of television's hottest properties.

And success has definitely gone to his head.

"ALF has gone Hollywood. He's just bought a brand new Porsche, and he has two assistants," says Anne. "At the moment he's house-hunting; he's looking for a big Spanish mansion with palm trees in the back, preferably somewhere in the hills."

● Wise-cracking alien ALF with the hapless Tanners in the popular Seven Network series, a TV hot property.

While he has granted interviews in the past, now that ALF has reached superstar status he is saying a firm "no" to approaches from the media.

ALF's dry voice actually belongs to executive producer Tom Patchett, the talent behind programs such as The Carol

Burnett Show and the Muppet movies.

"There's a rumor going around that ALF is a puppet — I only wish that was true," says Anne Schedeen in despair.

"Kate is a fun part but she's not a clown," says Anne. "Her attitude to ALF changes and she gets a lot closer to him. Willy is the one who gets more and more put out."

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